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MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1897.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

Decatur Township—Election April 6.

Supervisor—HENRY F. MAY.
Assistant Supervisors—JOHN ALLEN,
—W. H. SPENCE,
—F. W. KIPP,
—GEORGE W. STOKY,
—J. H. RECORD.

Town Clerk—A. H. COPE.
Assessor—W. W. POSTER.
Collector—LANDY H. MARTIN.
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—O. W. SMITH,
—P. B. PROVOST,
—W. H. SHORR,
—JAMES O'MARA.

Con-tables—HARRY K. MIDKIFF,
—W. W. CONARD,
—T. L. ANTRIM,
—JOHN LLOYD,
—BUNN FOST.

Commissioner—WILLIAM BUNDY.
Foundmaster—GREENBERRY MARTIN.

Up-to-Date Base Ball.

Patria Journal. The possibilities of the ball game of the future are boundless. Skill, strength, generalship and special development have changed the game much in the past decade or two. The national game can hardly be expected to hold its own with the people of today unless it is up to date, and its devotees are constantly endeavoring to make the advancement necessary. As we have said, however, the possibilities of the game of the future are boundless. Harmons are no longer hurled by hand into the whistles of the sea, nor are life-lines hurled or carried by hand to vessels in distress. They are fired from cannon. There is no reason why a base ball pitcher shall any longer twist himself out of shape going through a long series of mysterious contortions, wink his eyes at the catcher and then waste his muscular energy in propelling a ball over the plate with the force of a cannon ball. A cannon will do it just as well, perhaps better. A cannon will be strictly up to date, and there can be no complaint as to an absence of modern features. Such an improvement in the game has been planned by eastern enthusiasts and it may be expected that in the near future the equipment of the professional nine will include eight men and a highly polished, brass mounted, field piece. As exemplifying these modern ideas of base ball science it is interesting to note that about 400 members of the Princeton club of New York gathered at Delmonico's palatial restaurant in New York the other evening for a smoker and dinner, and incidentally to witness the novel scene of a base ball being fired from a gun. The gun was Professor Howard C. Hinton's famous experimental pitching affair, which he declares has been brought to a state of perfection that enables it to exceed in swiftness and accuracy any human pitcher who ever graced the diamond. A canvas screen was stretched across the corner of the hall, at which the base ball was discharged. There was considerable enthusiasm evinced when John L. Cadwallader, president of the club, stepped to the gun and sent a ball speeding through the gun with a big outburst. Professor Hinton, who is an Oxford man, made a address explanatory of the theory and working of the gun. Of course if the game develops further along this line the necessity of steel armor plate for the use of basemen will be necessary, and when the science so far progresses that the piece of the batman is taken by an improved anti-strike and anti-foul tip batting apparatus the fieldmen will be stationed in the adjoining counties.

Since the present administration came into power there has been a great change in the Spanish administration of affairs in Cuba. Every American citizen imprisoned in Cuba before March 4, with the exception of three have been released unconditionally or granted a speedy trial. There has been no parade of authority on the part of the state department nor the executive to cause this change of Spanish conduct in Cuba, but it is very clear that Spain is convinced that she cannot trifle with the rights of American citizens under the new administration; that Spanish ministers, Spanish consuls and Spanish detectives in the United States will no longer be permitted to fix the policy of the administration as to Cuba and order the United States navy to do police duty for Spain.

In this Spain, for the first time since the rebellion broke out in Cuba, has acted wisely. Spain no doubt noted the statement made by John Sherman the latter part of February when he said: "I trust in God the time will never come when I shall see an American citizen deprived of his rights and persecuted and prosecuted unjustly by any power great or small. I am opposed to wrong and violence and try now wherever it is exercised and when it is inflicted on a citizen of the United States I will stand by him if he is alone."

In any event since this administration came into power Spain is not insulting Consul General Lee or an other American representative, nor is she looking up American citizens to fill their dirt jails in Cuba.

President McKinley's mother's name is Nancy; so was that of the mother of Abraham Lincoln. Of the other presidents' mothers' given names there are four Elizabeths, three Marys, two Elizas, two Annes and one each Susana, Nolly, Abigail, Sarah, Phoebe, Harriet, Sophia, Malvina and Maria.

The sultan has been astride the Hellespont as long as the world can profitably endure it and little Greece having showed a willingness should be allowed to agitate the situation sufficient to end the power of the Turk.

Gladstone is perhaps a back number but by the way he is turning over the powers in their course in the Greek affair he is not far enough back for the comfort of the conscience of some statesmen.

Revenue reform is paramount to all other questions in Illinois and yet we see very little that indicates that the Illinois legislature will succeed in accomplishing anything.

A woman by the name of Hattie Miller is a motorman in Santa Barbara, California.

Changed the Time of Meeting.
At the regular business meeting of the Endeavor society of the Church street Christian church which was held last evening it was decided by a unanimous vote to have a half hour meeting Sunday evenings during the revival instead of an hour as heretofore. The society services begins at 7 o'clock sharp. There is a general revival spirit in the work which gives promise of great things for the future.

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Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey or other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old people find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents and \$1 per bottle at West's drug store.

Lecture.
Next Sabbath at 7 p. m. Rev. Danely will deliver a historical lecture in the M. E. church at Mt. Zion. The Epworth League, under whose auspices the lecture is given, extend a general invitation to the public.

Minutes seem like hours when a life is at stake. Croup gives no time to send for a doctor; delay may mean death. One Minute Cough Cure gives instant relief and insures recovery. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Hear Gen. John B. Gordon tonight.

April 1—All fool's day—will come on Thursday.

P. H. Hunt is putting up a new dwelling at 505 Wabash avenue.

Sparrow's fine chocolate for sale at the Opera House drug store.

The county teachers' examination will be held next Saturday.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

The Catholic mission at St. Patrick's church began on Sunday.

Seed of great cow sale April 1st by Lutz Bros., three miles northwest on gravel road.—27-44.

If you are troubled with catarrh, asthma or headache, use the German medicator, a perfect cure. mar 16dtf

Mrs. Ellen Crosby of Chicago will lecture for the musical division of the Woman's club on April 5.

Oliver White sold an old gray horse at auction Saturday afternoon for \$1. There was a big crowd at the sale.

The best spring tonic for that tired feeling is DeSoto's Celery Nerve Tonic at West's drug store. 75c.—22-dtf.

Take the Vandalia fast train to Peoria, two hours and fifty minutes. Leaves at 11:42 a. m.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town. moh 25-dtf

The Kater grocery store on West Wood street has been purchased by S. P. McAllister who took possession today.

Little Diana cigar: business men's ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for \$1.50. L. Chodat's News House.—14-dtf

Tender roast beef with brown gravy served at noon daily at Singleton's restaurant.—Oct21dtf

The members of the board of highway commissioners held a meeting Saturday afternoon and paid a number of bills.

The Republican ward primaries for the nomination of city officers and aldermen will be held tomorrow evening from 5 to 8 o'clock.

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds of Dan Culp, the old reliable seedsman fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed in bulk. No. 223 North Main street. Durfee & Culp.—1-d&wtf

The polls for the Republican primaries will be open in the seven wards tomorrow evening from 5 to 8 o'clock. The returns will be posted at the Republican office.

Buy your flower and garden seeds at W. H. Gullett & Son's flower store. They keep the best. Plant your sweet peas early. Do it now, no delay. Stiff clay soil is best for them. W. H. Gullett & Sons, Minkie Building.—20-dtf

Today Miss Ollie Nicholls took charge of the Elm Grove school as teacher in place of Miss Foster, who is now employed in the office of County Treasurer Patterson.

You can vote at the Republican ward primaries tomorrow evening from 5 to 8 o'clock. Then the delegates will be chosen. City convention Wednesday night at the court house.

In the county court Saturday Harry Manning was fined \$5 and costs for throwing a stone at a Wabash crossing at the Edward street crossing of the road. The stone struck the conductor, Will Keirnan. The boy said he was simply trying to throw over the train and that he did not intend to stone the train or hit the conductor.

No better soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the coal the longer it will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 300 North Broadway, old phone 448, new phone 485. M. F. Metz.—31-dtf

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I. N. Cool.
Weckerman & Knapp.
D. Armstrong.
R. W. Lewis.
Bee Hive.
T. T. Springer.
C. Amfield.

HOW PAUL MADE A HIT.

Young Macaughtry Proved Himself Equal to an Emergency.

The other day the Republican announced that Paul Macaughtry, son of the late Judge Macaughtry of Decatur had been selected as private secretary for United States Senator Mason of Chicago. Paul had been in Mr. Mason's office at Chicago for three years.

The first case that Paul ever tried in court demonstrated his ability and talents to Senator Mason. There was an important case in court in which Mr. Mason was the attorney for one of the parties. The case was called and Paul as a representative of Mr. Mason asked for a continuance until the next day on account of Mr. Mason's absence from the city. The continuance was refused and the impasse of the jury commenced. The attorneys on the opposition side were quite jubilant, and anxious to get the young attorney "rattled." Paul commenced examining the jurors, question after question he asked and before he finished a complete biography of each juror could have been written. This he kept up all day long until finally the judge adjourned the court and congratulated Paul on his shrewdness. The next day the case was tried and won by Mr. Mason. He then said to Paul: "You have a brilliant future before you, I could not beat that myself; here is a hundred dollars."

Hear the Lecture To-Night.

The opportunity afforded the people of Decatur to hear the lecture, "Last Days of the Confederacy," by the distinguished ex-Confederate general, orator and statesman will be highly esteemed. No one should fail to hear it.

His great lecture on "The Last Days of the Confederacy" became famous on the occasion of its first delivery in the tabernacle of Brooklyn, New York, before an audience of 5000 people. It has charmed many thousands in all sections of the United States since that night. Its broad patriotism, its exquisite humor, its faithful portrayal of great leaders of both armies, its pathetic delineation of thrilling incidents, and the magical eloquence of the description of the closing scene at Appomattox, and of Grant and Lee as they stood together in the little brick house in that last scene of the great drama, and the mingling together of the soldiers of the hostile armies, combine to make this lecture one of great historical and patriotic interest to the young and old of both sections. Vast audiences everywhere are alternately moved to tears and laughter and enthusiasm.

At the Tabernacle.

There were immense audiences at the tabernacle Sunday morning and evening. It being the first day of the annual revival, which will in all probability continue several weeks. Rev. Hall preached a black-board sermon to the members at the morning service, showing what was expected of each in order to the success of the meetings. At night he talked of the river Jordan. There were four additions to the church during the day. The pastor had a committee of ladies busy circulating anti-kinetoscope petitions. Rev. Hall and the men who proposed to engage in showing pictures of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight must be hard up for money, and rather than allow them to corrupt the youths of Decatur by the exhibition proposed at the opera house he would be glad to take a collection for them at the tabernacle. He declared that Nevada had disgraced herself by allowing pictures of it to be shown everywhere. There will be services at the tabernacle every night this week except Friday and Saturday.

Sunday School Notes.

The international Sunday school lesson scheme for 1899, just finally approved, covers the last or minor prophets of the Old Testament and the Gospel of St. John. The new lesson scheme for the years 1900 to 1905, suggested by the Rev. Dr. A. E. Schaeffer of New York at the recent meeting of the committee takes up the characters of the Bible and treats them biographically. An effort will be made to get from the lives of the great Biblical characters the lessons best adapted to the questions of today. It will not be a five years' study of doctrine, but of personal history. The scheme is still in the rough and will be changed in many particulars, but there is little doubt that it will be chosen. The committee meets again in Washington next November. The new secretary elected is Rev. A. E. Dunning, D. D., editor of the "Congregationalist," Boston.

Grace M. E. Items.

There were 470 in attendance at the Sunday school yesterday and 208 at the mission. The pastor gave an interesting object lesson on the Ten Commandments, illustrating it with breaking six vases. As the school picked out that many broken commandments in the story he related. Bertha Rubien, 12 years old, received a book as a prize for repeating the commandments. During the day three additions were made to the church. The Ladies' Aid society meets Tuesday and the W. F. M. S. on Thursday at the church.

120 Acres for \$6000.

In the circuit court the D. M. Garver land case has been settled. At the first partition sale D. M. Garver's alleged bid was \$68 per acre for 120 acres of land belonging to the David Garver estate. J. J. Finn, master in chancery, sold the land at that price. Mr. Garver, when he got notice said he did not make the bid of \$68. Mr. Finn said he did. In court a statement of the case was made and Judge

Vall ordered another sale, holding that if at the second sale the land failed to bring as much as at the first sale Mr. Garver would have to pay the difference. The bid of Mr. Garver at the second sale was \$20 per acre. In court Mr. Garver was called upon to pay the difference. He refused and Saturday through his attorney, C. C. Lefforge, convinced the court that the rule requiring him to pay the extra \$4800 should be discharged. It was so ordered and now the land goes to Mr. Garver at \$6000.

At The Grand.

WARD, THE TRAGEDIAN.

In "Damon and Pythias" at the Grand, Saturday Night, April 3.

After his engagement in Damon and Pythias at the Grand opera house on Saturday night Frederick Ward will take his company direct to Chicago where he will play a week's engagement for the Peerless lodge, Knights of Pythias, of that city for a special benefit. The theatre will be draped and festooned with Pythian colors and a regular court will be built in one of the boxes, and the grand chancellor will hold session in it at every performance. The body of the theatre will be flooded with the light from various calciums which will be in the colors of the order also, and the whole engagement from start to finish will savor of the tone and spirit of Pythianism. It will be a great event and Mr. Ward will give a special production of the play which he will also present here on Saturday night. This will be a chance for the K. P. to witness this great drama which will be seen here next Saturday evening as never seen in this part of the country before.

A Challenge to Euchre-Players. Magician Keller, whose forthcoming entertainment in this city is announced for next Wednesday evening, March 31, is very desirous of having a couple of expert euchre players in the audience during his performance. He has with him the ghost of Cagliostro, an old time necromancer. The ghost now dwells in a tiny little cabinet about the size of a child's toy theatre, and delights to play euchre with Mr. Keller's patrons. He has never been defeated since he engaged with Mr. Keller and as he plays an expert game it is to be hoped some of the best local talent will be present. An opportunity will be given for a game during Cagliostro's tiny cabinet scene. He allows two local players to shuffle and deal the cards, then takes the hand of either one against the other. He's a master hand at euchre.

War Time Lecture.

General John B. Gordon arrived in the city at noon today from St. Louis. He will appear at the Grand tonight and deliver his great war time lecture, "Last Days of the Confederacy." There has been a large advance sale of tickets for this great attraction. Everybody should improve the opportunity to hear the noted southern orator. Prices, 75, 50 and 25 cents.

Missing Horse and Buggy.

Sunday night at a late hour Phil Bury's horse and buggy were stolen from the barn on North Edward street. The buggy had been used by Mr. Bury's son to take a member of this family to the depot to go away and the rig was placed in the barn on the return. This morning it was discovered that the rig had been stolen. The police have been notified. They are striving hard to solve the mystery. Mr. Bury is making a close personal search for the rig.

They Want Clean Streets.

The members of the Wheelmen's club are very anxious to have aldermen put in the city council who will insist on having the streets cleaned. They say they will work and vote for aldermen who will promise clean paved streets. The club has issued a little badge expressing their sentiments. It is a yellow ribbon on which is printed the words, "We Want Clean Streets," and worn by the members of the club.

Mr. Morgan for City Clerk.

Al Morgan is in the race for the nomination for city clerk subject to the action of the Republican city convention. Al has been a candidate for the office for some weeks, but he has not been formally announced in these columns until today. He has many personal and political friends working for him and they will be at the primaries in force tomorrow evening. Al would make a good clerk and if nominated will be elected by a handsome majority.

Mr. Watson for Alderman.

J. G. Watson is announced today as a candidate for alderman in the Sixth ward subject to the action of the Republican ward primary. Mr. Watson is the enterprising grocer at the corner of Herkimer and Calhoun streets, and is one of the best known residents of the ward. He has been urged by his many friends to make the race for the nomination and he has consented to do so. If nominated he will be elected.

Had a Free Ride.

Saturday night Officer Jack Lilly made a raid on a barn near the collar pad factory and captured William Chance, Tom Thrift, Charles Wise, Theodore Fulk, Ed Haffey and Arthur Scott, who had been playing cards. It was said to be a hot game of poker with \$1.50 in the crowd. The patrol wagon was called to the barn to haul the prisoners to headquarters.

J. W. Weigand is directing the work of remodeling the building on Prairie street belonging to the Ham estate. Elias Moore will use it for a fish market.

CONFIRMATION SERVICES.

Held Sunday at St. John's and All Angels' Episcopal Churches by Bishop Seymour.

The Rt. Rev. George F. Seymour, bishop of the Springfield diocese, was in this city yesterday to hold confirmation services at the Episcopal church. He officiated at St. John's church in the morning and All Angels' church in the evening.

The services at St. John's began at 10:30 o'clock. The rector, Rev. Frank N. Atkin, conducted the regular morning services and this was followed by the confirmation by the bishop. A class of four persons were confirmed. They were Mrs. Arthur C. Rice, Miss Jennie Hanford, Miss Edith Hanford and Edward Gruber. The bishop made a short address to the class, likening them to the four apostles. After the confirmation communion services were held.

The attendance was large and the church was decorated with flowers. Special music was rendered by the surplice choir. The offertory solo was sung by Miss Mae Harwood. The bishop preached a sermon taking for his text the miracle of the loaves and fishes.

At All Angels' Church.

Confirmation services were held at All Angels' church at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening. The attendance was larger than ever before at the church and the services were of special interest. Every seat in the church was taken, the aisles were crowded and many persons were unable to enter the church on account of the crowd. The services opened with a prelude by a string orchestra under the leadership of Professor Walter. The vested choir composed of girls and men entered the church singing the hymn "Son of God Goes Forth to War." The rector, Rev. W. Bedford Jones, assisted by the choir, conducted the full choral evening service. This was followed by a sermon by Bishop Seymour. His text was from Hebrews, and was as follows: "He that cometh to God must believe that He is." The sermon was a stirring one and the bishop delivered it in his usual excellent style. In his discourse he dealt with deep theological truths, but presented his ideas in such a simple manner that no one could fail to grasp the meaning.

At the conclusion of the sermon the bishop confirmed a class of eleven persons. They were James Hinton, Effie Hinton, Nellie Wilkinson, Mattie Williams, Lottis Tullis, Goldie Quick, Hilda Bedford, Dorothy Beavans, Katherine Bain, Alice Maria Palmer and Harry Bedford Jones.

After the confirmation Bishop Seymour addressed the members of the class. The offertory solo was Atwood's anthem, "Turn Thy Face From My Sins," and was presented by R. W. Chilson. After the benediction the choir left the church singing the hymn "Through the Night and Doubt and Sorrow." At the conclusion of the service the bishop took occasion to express his appreciation of the work of the choir.

Over the Wheels.

One of the chief factors in the constructive worth of Cleveland wheels is to be found in the fact that from the greatest part down to the least, every portion of the bicycle is built in Cleveland factories. In these days such a fact as this means much to the buyer. A bicycle should be a harmonious whole, not a haphazard combination of discordant parts. Each part, no matter how small and apparently insignificant, must harmonize with every other part, if the highest type of mechanical and artistic construction is to be achieved, and no one can critically examine the new Cleveland models without realizing that each part of these superb machines is so well proportioned with others that the completed bicycle is the essence of well balanced strength and undemonstrative taste. This is what makes a machine run easily and last for years without expensive repair bills. And you never have to walk home.

Ask some of the hardest riders in Decatur who have used the same machine for the last five years, and are riding them today.

We will take pleasure in showing you samples or sending you catalogue.

H. Mueller Gun Co.

Left for Bloomington.

C. W. Montgomery, R. W. Chilson, E. E. Bunn and C. N. Brown, members of the Arion quartet, left this forenoon for Bloomington where tonight they will sing in a grand concert at the First Methodist church assisted by the church choir. The church will seat 1500 people and all of the seats have been sold at 25 cents each.

J. H. Adams, formerly of Wayneville, is now postmaster at Villa Park near Los Angeles, Calif., where he owns a fine orange grove.

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THE BIG STORE WATER, MAIN & STATE STREETS.

Remember that we have a Dress Making Department. Best work at reasonable prices. Second floor.

Our advance Display of Spring and Summer Shirt Waists will interest you. Second floor.

Ladies' Gloves.



Special Another lot of 15 dozen Gen-uine Foster Kid Gloves. These gloves probably have as much to commend them as any \$1.00 glove which you have ever bought, but while they last they are 60c pair.

25 doz Ladies' Taffeta Gloves, black, four button and white stitching 5 and 85c pair.

Wide Sheeting.

We took advantage of an offering in the celebrated Utas sheeting (bleached.) No better goods made. Monday the entire lot will be placed on sale at the following prices. Bleached only

48-inch 11c yard
50-inch 13c yard
74-inch 17c yard
94-inch 19 1/2c yard
46-inch 12c yard
64-inch 14 1/2c yard
84-inch 18 1/2c yard
104-inch 20 1/2c yard

Scissors and Shears.

A fortunate purchase of these goods has placed us in a position where we can sell them for less than usual cost.

5 Gross Pairs of Good Steel Scissors and Shears, all sizes, 5 cents

5 Gross Pairs of Good Steel Scissors and Shears, all sizes, the 60 cent kind, 25 cents per pair

Men's Furnishings.



Exceptional values in Men's Wear This Week.

At \$1 25 dozen Men's Laundered French Percale Shirts, Separate collars and cuffs, just like you pay \$1.50 for

At 89 cents 50 doz Boys Shirt Waists "Mother's Friend" with belt in percales Well worth 50 cents

At 35 cents 2 cases Men's Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, with French Neck and Pearl Buttons They always sell for 50 cents

At 50 cents 100 dozen Men's Work Shirts. Full size, Pearl Buttons, Necktie to match. They would be cheap at 75 cts

At 15 cents pair. 80 dozen Men's Genuine Boston Garters in all colors, worth 25 cents pair.

At 5 cents a pair 1 case Men's heavy Brown and Blue mixed Half Hose, worth 10 cents pair.

Wall Paper.



We make a splendid showing in this department of all that is new and beautiful. You also have the assurance of money's worth in every roll of paper in our vast collection.

Here are some Tempting Specials.

White Blank Papers, new designs, 4 cents per roll.

A Good Gold Paper at 7 cents per roll

At 8c a roll 40 different patterns of Glimmer White Blank Papers in the latest and most stylish designs

At 15c per roll a new line of colorings in heavy Ingrain Papers, 30 inches wide

At 15c to 20c per roll good line of Variegated Gold Papers was beautiful. 18 inch blended borders to match.

LADIES' SPRING OUTER GARMENTS.

50 Ladies' spring Jackets in all the new colors and modish effects. Fly front and New Small Sleeves. A very dressy garment in Black, Navy, Tan, Brown, New Green and Mulberry. Good value at \$15.00. Special price..... **\$10.00**

SPECIALS FOR THIS WEEK— Ladies' Jackets made of Fine Kersey Cloth. Fly Front, New Back and Sleeve. A great variety of new spring colors, full lined with Taffeta, extraordinary values at \$4.98 and \$7.98 each.

Ladies' spring Capes from 75c to \$12.00 each.

GREAT SHOWING OF SILKS.

Hundreds of delicate silks sparkle with price interest—for this weeks selling, for instance, these four great specials:

19 inch colored Surans, light colors.....	19c yd
19 inch black Brocade Taffeta.....	49c yd
24 inch black Brocade Taffeta.....	75c yd
19 inch Colored Velvets.....	59c yd

Our immense presentation of Fancy Silks in the new spring colorings will interest you. They're pretty enough to be priced much higher than they are. It's worth your time to see them.

DRESS STUFFS.

Just get our prices on these goods and the delivery wagons will do the rest. There is not a department in the house where you will find your dollars and cents more potent. Our popular prices are bound to win popular favor.

36 to 40 inch All-Wool and Mohair and Wool Cheviots and Other Mixtures. This is a late purchase, and we have placed them on sale at 85c yd

40 inch Silk and Wool Broken Checks and Scotch Mixtures. These goods are selling rapidly at 85c yd

We are continually adding to our 50 cent line, and as we are making it our great specialty, you will find it well worthy of inspection. Remember the price, 50c yd

114 pieces of New Spring fancies. This lot comprises everything from the Sheer et Canvas Cloth to the Heaviest Spring Cheek Suiting, and from the lightest to the darkest shades. We have placed them on our counters at the popular prices, 75c yard

A choice line of Covert Cloths, 46 inches wide, and all wool for 75c yard

44 inch Black Figured Brilliantine, rich lustre and warranted fast colors, only 55c yd

44 inch Black Lystra, very handsome designs, light weight, and will not wrinkle, 85c yd

48 inch Black Lystra, large figures, is richer than silk. Very light weight. Never fails to attract attention. Sells for \$1.50 yard.

46 inch Black Figured Etonia. This is made by the "Gold Medal" manufacturers, is guaranteed not to slip or pull in the seams and fast black, at 90c yard

25 Imported Dress Patterns in Black. These are very select. \$12.50 to \$30 each

SPRING WASH GOODS.

Fabrics of unparalleled beauty. Prices of unequalled smallness. You will find pleasure in looking over these pretty things for Spring '97. Many of them you have never before seen. But you'll find them mighty satisfactory in style and price.

New French Linens known as "Vegetable Silk" the latest importations, Plain and fancy, full 46 inch wide

Printed Organdies direct from the importers. We are the agents for "Frere Koecklin" Mchouses. No such printing shown at any of the counters in Decatur.

New printing, new goods, woven stripes, etc. An entire line of patterns all at 10c yard.

Those new Lappins are the best for inexpensive gowns. You should see them at 12 1/2c yd.

LADIES' DRESS SKIRTS.

Separate dress skirts are almost indispensable to a complete wardrobe. Their beauty, utility and value make them real bargains at the price we ask.

\$9.98 For an elegant all silk Moire dress skirt, cut full 4 3/4 yards. Well lined and bound with Velveteen. Made after the latest Paris model, close front with fullness at back. Absolutely worth \$15.00. Our price \$9.98 each.

\$4.98 For a very stylish Dress Skirt. The latest model of new fancy weaves in correct shades and combinations. Lined throughout with the best of percaline and faced with Velveteen. This skirt is a leader and well worth \$7.50. Our special price \$4.98 each.

We carry the most complete stock of these goods of any house in Central Illinois, embracing all the new materials and styles. Prices from 95c to \$25.00.

We invite you to compare our stock and prices with others.

OUR CARPET SECTION.

One special advantage which we claim for this department is that we do not sell from samples. Here you can see the carpet laid on the floor. You can see the effects of light and shade. You can see how it will match. In short you can see just what what you are buying.

By virtue of the fact that we carry our carpets in stock we can obtain a lower price than if we left them at the wholesale establishment to be cut subject to our orders. This saving to us is a saving to you. We present the largest showing of Wiltons, Axminsters, Moquettes, Bodies and Tapestries ever brought to Decatur. Also the Lowell "Extra Super" and "Three-ply" Ingrains.

We will save you money on China and Japanese Matting, Oil Cloths, Linoleums. Shades and Shadings.



BOY'S CLOTHING.

This department was not in existence one month ago and yet it has already taken rank as one of the busy places on the main floor. Its good reputation is due solely to the fact that it reconciles cheapness with desirability. We respectfully ask an investigation of the claims made for this department. We will make your boy happy for less money than any other house in Decatur.

Boy's navy blue Zouave Suits (3 to 8 years). Reinforced seat and patent elastic waist band. A nobby, little suit for..... **\$1.75**

Boy's two piece Suits in neat spring checks, silkine lining, patent elastic waist band and braid trimmed on sailor collar and sleeves..... **\$2.49**

Boy's two piece suits in brown mixtures, (3 to 8 years). Trimmed with small pearl buttons and buckle at knees. One of the most stylish Junior Suits ever shown in this city..... **\$3.49**

Junior Vestee Suits Three piece, (3 to 8 years), of very best silk corduroy. Patent elastic waist band, handsomely trimmed with braid, buttons and buckles. A very stylish little dress suit..... **\$4.98**

LADIES' READY-MADE SUITS.

These stylish and modish garments have come to stay. The question of fitting which bothered prospective customers for so long has been obliterated. We employ an experienced tailor, and if our suits do not fit we will make them do so without extra cost to you. We take especial pride in the complete assortment of styles and fabrics shown in this department, and invite your early inspection.

\$19.75 For a \$25.00 Marlborough man-tailored suit of excellent quality Cheviot in navy, black, heliotrope and new green. Exquisitely lined throughout with splendid Taffeta silk. New fly front, short jaunty Jacket. This is a very fine suit and cheap at \$19.75.

\$10.00 For \$15.00 Tailored Cloth Suit. Made up in plain combinations and fancy mixtures with Eton, fly front or new Blazer effect Jacket. Skirt—close fitting in front and sides with fullness at back. Very desirable for spring wear and a bargain at \$10.00.

\$4.98 For \$7.50 Ladies' Tailored suits in excellent quality cloth. Colors—navy, black, brown and grey mixtures. Jacket half lined with good quality Taffeta silk. Skirt properly fitted and velveteen bound. A neat suit and leader at \$4.98.

NEW LACE FOR EASTER COSTUMES.

Latest weights and weaves. Two tons Appliques in two widths with band to match.

Wide Applique bands for skirts, with Bolero designs to match.

La Tosca Nets in all new shades.

HOUSE WRAPPERS FOR SPRING AND SUMMER.

The modern house wrapper is no longer a luxury... it is a necessity. All the new spring and summer patterns can be found in our immense stock at prices that will convince you that in making your own wrappers you are simply wasting time.

We make a grand showing of these goods in percale, calico, dimity, lawn, Organdy, and in fact every conceivable kind of wash goods. Prices from 65c up to \$4.50 each.



Girl's Reefers.

The many cool, damp days of spring-time makes these little coats extra valuable. They protect without being cumbersome—and this year they are unusually cheap.

We are Headquarters for these Goods.

At 75c—A splendid little coat (2 to 6 years) made of light weight ladies' cloth. Reefer front and ripple back, in navy, red and tan.

At 98c—Child's Reefer Jacket of plain and fancy mixtures (2 to 6 years). Braid trimmed, sailor collar. Navy, brown and tan.

At \$1.25—Girl's Reefer Jacket for spring (8 to 14 years). Coat back, full back, self-faced front and the new notched collar. All colors and a very stylish little garment.



Special Sale Turkish Towels.



A really remarkable offer. Monday and until they are all sold, 600 dozen fine Turkish Towels.

A Splendid Mill offering. This offer will be of special interest to Hotel and Boarding House Keepers. All of the new weaves, plain, fancy, stripes, etc. They are worth up to 25c each. We will sell you as many as you want at 12c each.

Dress Trimmings

Buttons will be more popular than ever this season for trimmings. We show a large and varied assortment of correct styles in Metal, Bone, etc.

All of the latest and best novelties in Braids, Boleros and Gimps are now on display at our counters. We make a specialty of these goods and this year the prices are unusually low.

Muslin Underwear.



More real Undermestlin Value than has ever been offered in Decatur.

Ladies' Drawers with yoke and five tucks at 19 cents pair

Ladies' Umbrella Drawers with cambric rolls at 29c pair

Ladies' Corset covers made of cambric and muslin with round or V neck, 9c

Ladies' Gowns of good muslin Bishop style, at 44c each

Hosiery Savings.

A great sale of these goods for this week. They're fast black, every pair of them, and the prices are the kind that you are usually asked for very much inferior goods.

Ladies' Fast Black Hose, double heel and toes, regular price 12 1/2c for 10 cents pair

Ladies' Fast Black Hose, double sole and high, spliced heels, regular price 15c for 11c pair

Ladies' Imported Fast Black Hose, double sole and high spliced heels, regular price 25c for 16c

Muslin Sale.

Have money saving opportunities.

25 Bales of 36-inch fine unbleached muslin, a clean soft finish, would be cheap at 7 1/2c, but we will sell it at 3 7/8c yd

2 Bales of fine 36-inch unbleached sheeting muslin, no black specks. One of the best brands. Just two bales at 4c yd

8 Cases of the finest 36 inch bleached muslin, soft finish, no drawing four brands at 5 1/2c, 6 1/2c and 7 1/2c yd

Corsets. Extra Special.



25 dozen Ladies' Summer corsets (18" wide steels in the side, 85c pair)

Bar-gains in Notions.

Many little necessities at greatly reduced prices.

Belding wash silk worth 5 cents at 1 cent each

"Angle" Sewing Silk in black or 100 yard spools 2 cts spool.

1000 Leather Belts all colors, 5 cents each

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25 pieces of new, beautiful printed Japanese Wash Silks. One of the prettiest wash silks ever exhibited in the city. They were bought to sell for 75c, but for our introduction sale they go for a yard..... **50c**

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80 pieces of Black Dress goods, including silk figured Sicilians and Brithan tines lovely glossy and silky lustre, also very fine 48-inch imported French Serges, also 40-inch very fine Henriettes, also silk figured Lizard cloths 46 inches wide. These goods are worth from 65c to 75c a yard, but for this sale they go for..... **49c**

10c A YARD.

25 pieces of silk striped Wool Challie, worth up to 26c, for this sale your choice, for a yard..... **10c**

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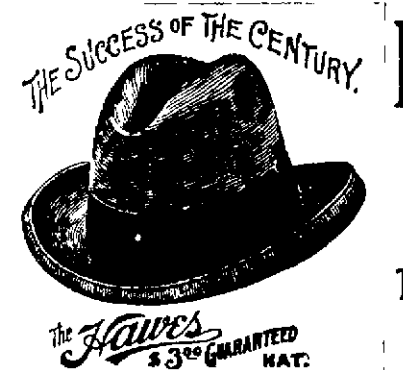
One hundred fine twilled, fast black Umbrellas, fancy handles instead of 75c go for..... **47c**

New Wash Goods.

ALL AT 5c A YARD.

50 pieces of new, pretty Dimities, all the most desirable designs, every color and every conceivable pattern, for this sale all in one lot, for a yard..... **5c**

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Ladies' Fast Black Hose, double sole and high, apollo heels, regular price 15c for 11c pair.

Ladies' Imported Fast Black Hose, double sole and high apollo heels, regular price 25c for 18c.

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3 Bales of 36-inch fine unbleached muslin, a clean soft finish, would be cheap at 7 1/2c, but we will sell it at 8 7/8c yd.

2 Bales of fine 36-inch unbleached sheeting muslin, no black specks. One of the best brands. Just two bales at 4 1/2c yd.

3 Cases of the finest 36-inch bleached muslin, soft finish, no dressing, four brands at 5 1/2c, 6 1/2c and 7 1/2c yd.

Corsets. Extra Special.



25 dozen Ladies' Summer corsets, two wide steels in the side, 58c pair

Bar-gains in Notions.

Many little necessities at greatly reduced prices.

Belding wash silk worth 5 cents at 1 cent skein.

"Angle" Sewing Silk in black only, 100 yard spools 9 cts. spool.

1000 Leather Belts all colors, 5 cts each

Pearl buttons all sizes at 8 cents dozen.

One lot Side Combs worth 10 cents at 4 cents pair.

One lot of side combs worth 15 cents at 8 cents pair.

THE STEWART DRY GOODS CO.

THE NEW STORE!

A GREAT SPECIAL SALE, Commencing MARCH 29, for one week, to introduce our store, our values and our qualities. We create bargains, clear, decisive, emphatic, expressing economical possibilities.

...Extraordinary Low Prices on New Goods...

85c. New Taffeta Silks 63c.

20 pieces all new beautiful Changeable Taffeta Silks in all the latest and most desirable shades, very hand-some for waists. They are positively worth 85c, but our introduction price for this sale is 63c

ALL AT 50c A YARD.

25 pieces of new beautiful printed Japanese Wash Silks. One of the prettiest wash silks ever exhibited in the city. They were bought to sell for 75c, but for our introduction sale they go at a yard 50c

ALL AT 49c A YARD.

61 pieces of Black Dress goods, including distinguished Sicilians and Brillantes lovely glossy and silky lustrous; also very fine 40-inch Imported French Serges; also 40-inch very fine Henriettes; also silk figured Lizard cloth 16 inches wide. These goods are worth from 65c to 75c a yard, but for this sale they go for 49c

10c A YARD.

25 pieces of silk striped Wool Challie, worth up to 20c, for this sale your choice for a yard 10c

ALL AT 47c.

One hundred line twilled, fast black Umbrellas, fancy handles, instead of 75c go for 47c

New Wash Goods.

ALL AT 5c A YARD.

50 pieces of new, pretty Dimpities, all the most desirable designs, every color and every conceivable pattern, for this sale all in one lot, for a yard 5c

ALL AT 10c A YARD.

50 pieces of new, pretty, very fine wash goods, including Organdy Rays, Organdy Alix, lovely Cordelays, lace striped Dimpities, New Haven Plaids, etc., sold everywhere for 12 1/2c and 15c, for this sale, our price a yard 10c

...LINENS...

ALL AT 9c EACH.

50 dozen All Linen Towels, including hemmed and fringed hucks; also fancy borders in knotted fringe damask towels, instead of 12 1/2c, for this sale they go for each 9c

ALL AT 19c EACH.

50 dozen of the largest size fancy border knotted fringe, all linen satin damask towels; also plain white hemstitched and open work towels, worth up to 35c, all for this sale at each 19c

Great Sale of Table Linen and Napkins.

35c Table Linen 25c

45c Table Linen 29c

65c Table Linen 45c

75c full bleached 66-inch Table Linen 49c

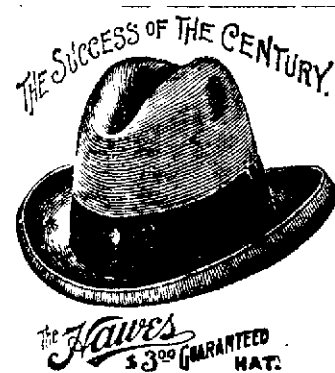
1.00 Table Linen 69c

1.25 Table Linen 88c

Napkins to match at very special prices.

Everything New, Fresh, Bright and Beautiful.

THE STEWART DRY GOODS CO.,
211 North Water Street.



HATS

of all kinds, colors, shapes, and prices. NEW SPRING HATS that will fit both your head and purse.

The "Cuban" and "Geisha"

—two of the latest. Let us show them to you.

A new, complete and exceptionally well assorted line of attire for little fellows from 3 to 8, made up in Juniors, Vestee, Sailor and Reefer style, of all the new fabrics, running in price

...FROM \$2.25 TO \$5.00...

This department of ours appeals particularly to mothers, and is entitled to their earnest consideration.

OUR NEW SPRING STOCK IS NOW IN.



New Novelties in MEN'S SUITS.

The RIGHT kind. Right in fit, in material, in style, in general make-up, but particularly right in PRICE. We are showing an exceedingly well line of Spring Shirts and Neckwear. We will appreciate a call.

B. STINE CLOTHING COMPANY.

245-249 NORTH WATER STREET.
NEXT TO BRADLEY BROS.

HE DESERVED HIS NAME.

The Great Executioner to the King of Ashanti.

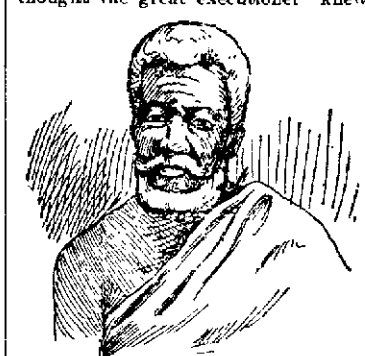
In His Long Official Career This Fellow Killed More Human Beings Than Any Other Individual in the World.

The gentleman whose picture is shown here has done work enough in his line to entitle him to much distinction. For 30 years he was the great executioner in the service of the king of Ashanti. The office he held made him the most notable person in the country, after the king. It has always been a very high office indeed in Ashanti, and the great executioner was, says the New York Sun, an inmate of the king's own household.

It is enough to make an ordinary person shudder to think of the number of human heads this worthy has lopped off during his business career; but himself, probably views his record with pride, as convincing proof of efficiency and faithful attention to official duties. He did not keep tab on his victims and does not know exactly how many persons he has slaughtered, during his 30 years of hard work in the Sacred Grove; but the lowest estimate of his victims is 30,000, the highest is 30,000, and the truth probably lies between the two.

When the English expedition was approaching Kumassi, early last year, the great executioner disappeared. Nobody knew better than this functionary that one of the chief reasons for the British advance in hostile array was the failure of the king to put a stop to human sacrifices at his capital, as he had promised to do. The executioner discreetly decided that Kumassi would be a very unhealthy place for him as soon as the British entered it, and so he took to the woods. He was caught, however, a few days after the larger part of the British expedition had started back to the coast with the king in custody. At last accounts he was still held a prisoner at the capital.

The British had not been able to find the golden stool which had served the line of Ashanti kings as a throne. They thought the great executioner knew



THE GREAT EXECUTIONER.

where this valuable piece of furniture was concealed, and they tried in every way short of torture to wrest the secret from him. He is a very close-mouthed old person, however, and the golden stool has not yet been designated by British handling. As like as not the great executioner is honest in his protestations that he hasn't the slightest idea where the old stool is. For the first time in his life he sat for his photograph, no longer officially known as the great executioner, but merely a humble prisoner in the hands of white men. The photograph was taken by Mr. George K. Erenob, and this picture was drawn from it.

For 30 years the great executioner was the presiding genius in that horrible sacrificial grove of which Stanley gave so graphic a description. The trees in this grove were tall cottonwoods, and when Stanley was there the ground was covered with countless skulls and skeletons, while about 40 bodies, recently decapitated, were lying among the trees. Mr. Bowdich described the grove in 1817, and M. Bonat, who was long a prisoner in Kumassi, said that he had seen two or three hundred slaves slain on the same day. They were executed in the most barbarous manner, and their bodies were dragged to the grove which has been the receptacle of the relics of all the butcheries that have been going on for so many years. It is estimated that at least 120,000 have been sacrificed victims in Kumassi since Sy Tutu, the founder of the recent dynasty, established himself on the golden stool in the middle of the eighteenth century.

The Sacred Grove is no more. British soldiers put dynamite under the roots of the cottonwood trees, several hundreds in number, and blew them to pieces. When the soldiers arrived there last year they found under these trees, in a space of about four acres, thousands of bodies and skeletons and gleaming white skulls. But the office of great executioner has now been abolished, and the people of Ashanti and the surrounding regions can breathe easier, for the appalling human sacrifices that gave Ashanti its evil name are a thing of the past.

Well-Paid Clergymen.

The established church in England pays its preachers well. The salary of the archbishop of Canterbury is \$75,000 per annum. The archbishop of York has \$50,000; the bishop of London, \$30,000; the bishop of Durham, \$35,000; the bishop of Winchester, \$32,500; the bishop of Bangor, \$21,000; the bishop of Bath and Wells, \$25,000; the bishop of Ely, \$27,500; of Gloucester, \$25,000; of Chester, \$21,000; of Exeter, \$21,000; of Hereford, Lichfield, Llandaff, Manchester, Ripon, St. Asaph, \$21,000 each; of Carlisle, Lincoln, Norwich, Peterborough, St. David's, \$22,500 each; Oxford, Salisbury, Worcester, \$25,000 each; Newcastle, \$16,000; Rochester, \$19,000; St. Albans, \$16,000; Sodor and Man, \$9,000; Southwell, \$17,500; Truro, \$15,000; Wakefield, \$15,000; and then besides there is no army of deans, bishops, suffragans, canons, etc.



TO THE SOUTH.

BOLEY & LANNING, Real Estate Dealers, have another of their popular EXCURSIONS TO TEXAS on TUESDAY, APRIL 6TH, where they are selling so much of their choice cheap lands near Houston and Galveston. These lands are smooth, level prairie, most of them new and rich, have never had a plow in them. We can sell you cheaper and better lands, better terms than any one can take exchange in on some of them. Write us for circulars. We also do a general exchange business; have land to exchange for stocks of goods goods to exchange for lands. In fact can do you with almost any kind of a trade. Especially notice their circulars on the country near the bayou from Galveston. Write us or call and see us in Mullikin bank building, Decatur, Ills. BOLEY & LANNING.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

We are authorized to announce R. J. WAGY as a candidate for Alderman in the First ward, subject to the decision of the Republican ward primary.

The Hill and Watt Sale.

This afternoon Hill & Watt, the livery firm, sold their entire stock of horses and vehicles. Tobo Ward was auctioneer. There was a large attendance and the bidding was lively. The horses brought fairly good prices. A handsome black team sold for \$350. The good single driving horses brought from \$60 up. One of the best carriages sold for \$400. There were quite a number of vehicles, harness and horses sold. The firm will go out of business. George Watt expects to go to St. Louis and take a position as horse buyer for a firm of that city.

To the Voters of the Second Ward.

It has been stated in some of the papers that if I did not get the nomination for alderman of the Second ward that I would run for the office independent. This is a misrepresentation and no truth in it whatever, as I had not even consented to let my name be used when the above was published, although I am a candidate for alderman in the Second ward. I will nevertheless, if defeated at the primary, cheerfully support the nominee, whoever he may be. Respectfully,

F. O. Damrow.

Having a Vacation.

The pupils of the public schools are now having their spring vacation. The schools closed last Friday and will not open until next Monday morning. The schools will then be open until the summer vacation.

A Big Bonus.

New London, March 29.—The gunboat Hiena has a speed trial today and made 15.8 knots. This gives the builders over \$50,000 bonus, the largest ever paid in proportion to the contract cost of the ship.

Iowa Mines.

Des Moines, March 29.—The Des Moines branch of the United Mine workers have called a meeting for tomorrow to fight any reduction for the summer from the winter scale for mining coal.

No More Hanging.

Denver, March 29.—Governor Adams today signed the bill abolishing capital punishment in this state.

Today J. Y. Chisholm & Co. received a fine shipment of delicious strawberries from the south.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by E. A. West, the druggist.

From tests made of seed oats at Danville and Tuscola it was found that not more than 25 per cent would grow.

Gentlemen, why wear shabby overcoats, pants, coat or vest when you can get your clothing re-dyed, cleaned and pressed and repaired to look equal to new by taking them to Miller's Dye House. Work warranted first-class. 145 North Main street.

Millinery Display!

Our Exposition of Correct Styles in Spring and Summer Millinery, TUESDAY, APRIL 6TH.

A cordial invitation extended to all...

S. G. HATCH & BRO.

151 EAST MAIN ST.
March 29, 1897.

SKIRTS.

We call special attention to our Ready Made Dress Skirts. We make every Skirt we sell, in our own factory, and they are well made and velveteen bound.

We will take measures of any one and make them a Skirt to order at one day's notice. We have any kind of goods on hand to select from.

Figured Brilliantine Skirts at... \$1.98, \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50
Black Novelty Goods at... \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50

SPRING CAPES.

We are showing the latest Capes at—
\$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$10.00
Capes and Jackets of all kinds made to order and Fur Capes made over into the late Cape Collars.

Chas. T. Johnston's
DRY GOODS STORE,
151 North Water Street.

Race Clothing M'fg Co.,

Spring is at hand, so is our Spring Stock of Clothing.

Nobby Spring Overcoats. Exclusive Patterns only shown by us. Prices Very Low...	Sack Suits in new effects, cut to fit \$10.00 and \$12.00 buys a Beauty.
Clay Diagonals In Sacks and Frocks, Cheaper than you ever saw them. \$7, \$8, \$10, \$15.	Young Men's Suit In the Latest Patterns, Tailor Made... \$5.00, \$7.00, \$10.00
Boys' Suits, Long Pants, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00 * * AND UP.	CHILDREN'S SUITS, Juniors, Vestees, Single and Double Breasted styles... Goods Worth the Money.
ONE LOT TWO STYLES Boys' Cheviot Suits, 6 to 13 years, Single and Double Breasted... \$1.00 per Suit—Going Fast.	Boy's Knee Pants 25c. Good uses for the money. WE HAVE BETTER ONES.
Fancy Shirts, OUR OWN MAKE, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00s Our Work Shirts are the best sold. Larger and better made.	STETSON and MILLER HATS. —We are the Agents— SPRING STYLES.
We show you the ..Best Hats.. In the Medium Grades you ever saw for the money. —50c AND UP—	Neckwear... The Very Latest. Just in —COME AND SEE THEM—
Come and see Us. We can Save You Money.	
RACE CLOTHING M'FG CO., 135 North Water Street.	
EHRMAN'S	
We Believe That we Have One Of the Finest Laundries in Illinois, And are in position To Guarantee As Fine Work as Can be Done Anywhere. We Desire to Call your Special Attention To the	Ehrman's Laundry Guarantees Perfect Satisfaction In Every Detail. Two Telephones.
Following Points: We do Either Domestic Or Gloss Work. We have all Modern Machinery And Skilled Hands. We replace All Worn Neck Free on Worn Shirts. We Deliver Goods Promptly.	
LAUNDRY.	

"A Man works from Sun to Sun, A Woman's work by Noon is done—"



if she uses Santa Claus Soap. It cleans quickly, easily, well, the clothes you wear, the dishes you use. In the laundry it saves clothes, and makes your work light. Get a cake of

SANTA CLAUS SOAP.

at once, and give it a trial. Sold everywhere.

Made only by
THE N. K. FAIRBANK COMPANY, CHICAGO.

159 EAST MAIN ST.

GEO. W. JONES CLOTHING HOUSE

for Spring Overcoats.

We have a few Spring Overcoats to close out. If you are in need of a coat we can do you good.

\$ 6.50 Spring Overcoat, \$4.00. | \$10.00 Spring Overcoat, \$6.50
\$12.00 Spring Overcoat, \$7.50. | \$15.00 Spring Overcoat, \$8.50

—SIZES 33 TO 44.—

New Spring Suits

Have arrived—the most Fancy and Durable Clothing in the city at prices to suit all. Call and see this line.

George W. Jones Clothing House,
159 EAST MAIN ST.

LOOK AT HIM



He assuredly has a wheel in his head when he says the cost of a Bicycle is in the name (plate), when IN TRUTH it is in the Quality of Material and Workmanship.

REASON JUST A LITTLE.

How did the manufacturer get the reputation? NOT by placing a poor wheel on the market but by using the best material and the most skilled labor attainable. To keep up this reputation he must continue to use the Best. WHY do some new riders who buy a cheap wheel (no name plate wheel) first time buy the best (with name plate) next time? WHY will experienced riders always buy the Best (with name plate)? They have tried (no name plate wheels) and found them wanting. Makers of the RAMBLERS are not ashamed to place the "Name Plate" on their wheel.

We sell only Bicycles with NAME PLATE, fully guaranteed by the Manufacturers.

PAUL HIEKISCH,

132 EAST NORTH STREET.

BULL'S Cough Syrup

The People's Friend. In use for fifty years. Cures Cough, Cold, Croup, Whooping-Cough, Grippe, Bronchitis, Asthma and Lung Affections. DR. BULL'S COUGH SYRUP is sold everywhere for only 25 cents. Refuse cheap substitutes.

Chas. LANGE'S PLUGS, The Great Tobacco Antidote, 10c. Dealers or mail, T.C. Meyer & Co., Batts., Md.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL R. R.

Excursion rates to St. Louis and return every Saturday and Sunday. One fare round trip. Tickets good going Saturday afternoon and returning Monday morning.

Winter Tourist Rates are now on to points south and south-west.

Settlers' Half Fare rates to points south every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Take the new Daylight Special for Chicago and St. Louis—Solid Daily Train.

City Ticket Office removed from 110 Library Block to 121 East Third street, directly across the street. Telephone, New No. 22, Old No. 420. Union Depot Telephone No. 47, New.

Going Down Hill.

People suffering from Kidney Diseases feel a gradual but steady loss of strength and vitality. They should lose no time in trying Foley's Kidney Cure, a guaranteed preparation. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

At an election in Mackinaw last Friday the question of reorganization under the state law was decided in the affirmative.

PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

—Henry Labouchere, M. P., the proprietor of London Truth, complains that he has spent £40,000 in successfully defending vexatious actions for libel brought against him.

—Emile Erckmann, the noted collaborator with Chablain in many novels and plays, is not dead, as is generally supposed, but is living in retirement in the village of Lunerville, near his native place.

—The new woman has evidently reached Pueblo, Col., for the Daily Chieftain has an advertisement reading thus: "Wanted—By competent woman, a place to work for her husband's board."

—The sugar planters of southern Louisiana are contributing molasses for the relief of the sufferers from the drought, that they may sweeten their cornmeal therewith, and it is proving a palatable addition to the very slim diet.

—It is 7½ years since the Kaiser came to the throne, and in that time he has killed, according to the official statistics, 25,373 head of game. This list includes one whale, two anacondas and three large bears, but takes no account of very small game.

—The most unfavorable reports continue to come concerning the condition of the Hungarian painter Munkacsy. Until recently he has been in a state of listless apathy, but is now a dangerous maniac, having attempted to kill his servant and his physician, whose lives were saved only with difficulty.

—The German empress is the latest recruit to the royal army of cyclists. Her majesty is desirous of becoming small by degrees and beautifully less, as the emperor has a great objection to portliness, and, by her doctor's advice, she has taken to cycling as the best preventive against the enemy.

DO MASTODONS EXIST?

Good Evidence That at Least One Species Still Lives.

In many of our public museums are gigantic skeletons of the "mammoth," or "mastodon," two species of elephant supposed to have disappeared from the earth long ago. Some scientists think this disappearance was many thousands of years ago, and till lately this has generally been accepted as fact. Again, the fact that these huge animals have been sometimes found in arctic regions, frozen in the ice, has been supposed to prove that at one time the earth enjoyed perpetual spring and that a sudden change came which left these semi-tropical animals in a frozen condition where their bodies were preserved. It has been conjectured that this occurred at the time of the flood. The finding of some mammoth tusks bearing marks of human carving has caused some to consider this as an evidence of the antiquity of man far exceeding that assigned the race in the Bible.

But among the many things which are coming up to prove the truth of Bible history, and to set aside theories, there seems to be good evidence that at least one species of these "extinct" animals still survives. The Portland (Me.) Press of November 23 publishes a long conversation with Col. C. F. Fowler, late of the Alaskan Fur and Commercial company, in which he gives very clear evidence that in the interior of Alaska many mastodons still survive. He first discovered among some "fossil" ivory collected by the natives two tusks which showed evidence of being recently taken from the animal which carried them. On questioning the native who sold it to him he was surprised to receive a full description of an immense beast which had been killed by the natives, a description fully identifying the animal with the mastodon.

Col. Fowler quotes Gov. Swineford, of Alaska, as having also investigated this matter and as being satisfied that on the high plateaus of that country large herds of mastodons still roam unmolested by the natives, who fear them greatly. The Alaskan News also admits that the evidence of their existence is too strong to be denied.

The mastodon and mammoth were not, as is commonly supposed, semi-tropical animals, but were furnished—as the elephant is not—with a warm coat of hair, and were evidently designed for the cold climate which now exists where their remains are often found. Therefore, not only are we relieved from the necessity of believing that the human race antedates the Bible history of the creation, but we are not obliged to assume a great and sudden change in the earth's temperature, at the time of the flood, or at any other time.—Outlook.

Evidence Against Him.

"Why didn't you have me called at six o'clock?" roared a commercial traveler in one of our city hotels, as he faced the clerk and banged his fist down on the register.

"I did," calmly replied the clerk. "You did not, sir."

"I tell you I did."

"You did not, sir, and I can prove it."

"All right, go ahead, but you can't prove it."

"Yes, I can."

"Prove it, then."

"Well, you did not have me called at six o'clock, because I did not leave word to be called at all," and the commercial man grinned and looked for the clerk to blush and apologize.

But he looked in vain. A little thing like that wouldn't bother a hotel clerk. Bangor News.

In the Blacksmith's Shop.

"I have seen some pretty hard knocks in my time," began the anvil, in ringing tones, when the bellows interrupted him with: "But think of the trouble I have. There isn't a day that I am not hard pressed to raise the wind."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Mitigating Circumstances.

"Your father-in-law is quite a howling old swell, Chumpey."

"Yes; but we must make some allowance. He is having a terrible attack of the gout just now."—Detroit Free Press.

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 123 Florida street, San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally grateful. It is such results, of which there are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. At West's Drug Store.

Pekin Times: A tramp register is kept at the city hall and each applicant for a night's lodging must put down his name, occupation and place of business. Of the hundreds of tramps and unemployed men who asked for lodging this winter there is yet to come the first one unable to register.

"That Tired Feeling?" overcomes us when inferior preparations are recommended by unscrupulous dealers as "just as good as Foley's Honey and Tar Cough Syrup," when we know the unequalled merits of this great medicine. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Peoria has recently raised about seventy men to form a cavalry troop but it appears the law only provides for two, one of which is in Chicago and one in Bloomington. Either the law must be changed or the Peoria company organized as infantry.

Have You Had the Grip? If you have, you probably need a reliable medicine like Foley's Honey and Tar to heal your lungs and stop the racking cough incidental to this disease. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Mayor W. M. Allen of Peoria has secured the contract for the artificial ice plant to be erected in that city by the Maus Brewing company of Indianapolis, who will expend \$60,000. It is the first plant of the kind to be established there.

Given Up by Four Doctors.

Beaver Dam, O., Aug. 27, 1895. My daughter, after being treated by four doctors, and being given up for lost, a neighbor recommended Foley's Kidney Cure. To-day she is able to walk several miles without fatigue. I feel we should have lost her if it was not for your medicine.

Respectfully, Mrs. J. M. BAILEY.

H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

While Thomas Taylor of Williamsville was clipping horses he was knocked under the horse and fell on the shears and suffered a severe wound.

To Consumptives.

As an honest remedy Foley's Honey and Tar does not hold out false hopes in advanced stages, but truthfully claims to give comfort and relief in the very worst cases, and in the early stages to effect a cure. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

The heirs of the late Hervey Lightner of Peoria have presented the public library with about 300 volumes of valuable books collected by him in his life time.

Foley's Honey and Tar Cough Medicine is unquestionably the best remedy for the Throat and Lungs. Pleasant to take and is guaranteed. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Honeston police picked up eleven tramps one day last week who were fined \$1.50 apiece and set to work it out on the crossings. Five escaped the first day and the balance the next, but tramps are scarce now in that city.

Lost—A dear little child who made home happy by its smiles. And to think, it might have been saved had the parents only kept in the house One Minute Cough Cure, the infallible remedy for croup. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.


Washington, Tazewell county, schools are closed for the second time this winter on account of an epidemic of measles.

All the different forms of skin troubles, from chapped hands to eczema and indolent ulcers can be readily cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great pile cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

From tests made of seed oats at Danville and Tuscola it was found that not more than 25 per cent would grow.

Delavan Advertiser: Will S. Varney shot a white sea gull on the farm of Harry Rummel south of Delavan on Thursday last. It is a beautiful bird and J. G. Houghton has sent it to Oliver S. Riggs, a taxidermist at San Jose to have it stuffed and mounted.

The Friedrich hotel of Peoria has been leased to Charles Prochaska & Sons, and will be completely remodeled and two stories will be added at the cost of \$35,000.



CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS

SICK HEADACHE

Positively cured by these Little Pills.

They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They Regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable.

Small Pill. Small Dose. Small Price.

THE TIME HAS COME

for a change in dress, and everybody is pondering on what to wear.

Our Spring Clothing

is now upon our counters.

...PERFECT IN FIT...

Our Children's Department Contains the Latest Novelties that can be purchased on the continent. * * *

Graceful in Design and at a Lower Price than ever

CHEAP CHARLEY,

...The Reliable Clothier...

Baby Carriages....

75 Different Styles.

We are Exclusive Agents for the celebrated Gendron Buggies. Their styles are the best, and with their BALL-BEARING Bicycle Wheels they make the most satisfactory carriage in the market to-day. The clinched rubber tire is guaranteed never to come off.



Don't buy your Buggy until you see this line.

Bachman Bros. & Martin Co.

ONE BLOCK EAST OF MILLIKIN BANK.

Picture Framing.

We carry an elegant line of

Picture Mouldings

in Broad and Narrow Gold, Silver, White, and Natural Wood. Our prices are Surprisingly Low.

J. E. SAXTON'S BOOK STORE,

120 EAST PRAIRIE STREET.

J. B. Bullard,

FUNERAL DIRECTOR.

SYNDICATE BLOCK, NORTH MAIN ST.

Where everything pertaining to the funeral business is furnished and attended to in the highest style of art. Calls day or night will receive prompt attention. In connection a receiving vault. Residence 222 West William street. Residence Telephone 128. Office, 126.

STAIRCASE SKIRT THE LATEST.

Put Rows of Ribbon Around Your Dress or You Are Out of Fashion.

The new spring skirt has arrived—earlier than usual and gayer than for years past.

It is altogether the most bewildering, the most distinctive, the most frivolous combination the French madames have sent over the water in many a season.

Trimnings, trimmings in profusion, trimmings new, original and bizarre, are features of the new spring skirts. It is impossible for the oldest shopper, the most hardened of her kind, to view the masses of garniture on these Parisian concoctions without a feeling of astonishment over their intricate arrangement.

And the skirts themselves, under their load of adornment, are new in cut and design, full where they have been scant, and scant where they have been full.

The front breadth is plain and snug fitting, the sides are fuller, sometimes with rows of tiny gathers, exactly at the hip bone, and the back is full, fuller, fullest: swelling at the bottom into innumerable folds and ripples, and sweeping out almost into a suggestion of a train. An immeasurable flutter of ribbons, bows, plaits, puffs—and flowers, too, if the skirt is of the reception variety. There is no one style of trimming that can lay claim to being more popular than another, so that there is an abundance. It is fashionable whether it runs up or down, crossways or horizontal, in arabesque or Greek designs.—Philadelphia Times.

Van R. St. John, who has been conducting a grain business at Easton, Ill., will move to Wapella, where he has purchased an interest in a grain elevator and lumber business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce A. J. MORGAN for City Clerk, subject to the decision of the Republican city convention.

We are authorized to announce J. G. WATSON as a candidate for Alderman in the Sixth ward, subject to the decision of the Republican ward primary.

We are authorized to announce JOSEPH K. LLOYD as a candidate for Alderman in the Seventh ward, subject to the decision of the Republican ward primary.

We are authorized to announce JOHN A. REEVE as a candidate for City Clerk, subject to the action of the Republican city convention.

We are authorized to announce F. M. YOUNG as a candidate for Alderman in the Second ward, subject to the decision of the Republican ward primary.

We are authorized to announce WILLIAM DODSON as a candidate for Alderman in the Fifth ward, subject to the decision of the Republican ward primary.

We are authorized to announce F. O. DANIELSON as a candidate for Alderman in the Second ward, subject to the decision of the Republican ward primary.

We are authorized to announce W. N. ANDERSON as a candidate for City Attorney, subject to the decision of the Republican city convention.

We are authorized to announce J. L. DRYAN as a candidate for Alderman in the Seventh ward, subject to the action of the Republican city convention.

We are authorized to announce T. M. HONAN as a candidate for City Attorney, subject to the action of the Republican city convention.

We are authorized to announce JAMES M. LEE as a candidate for City Attorney, subject to the action of the Republican city convention.

We are authorized to announce F. L. HAYES as a candidate for re-nomination for City Clerk, subject to the action of the Republican city convention.

We are authorized to announce R. Z. TAYLOR as a candidate for Mayor, subject to the decision of the Republican city convention.

We are authorized to announce A. HANSEN as a candidate for Mayor, subject to the decision of the Republican city convention.

We are authorized to announce W. W. HENNINGSON as an independent candidate for Justice of the Peace at the approaching township election.

We are authorized to announce ALBERT ANDERSON as a candidate for Alderman in the Fourth ward, subject to the decision of the Republican ward primary.

We are authorized to announce FRANK SINGMASTER as a candidate for Alderman in the Fourth ward at the approaching city election.

We are authorized to announce J. O. A. O'BRIEN as a candidate for reelection to the office of Justice of the Peace, subject to the votes of the people.

Republican City Convention.

A Republican City Convention will be held at Abbott's Hall, West Prairie avenue, in Decatur, on Wednesday, March 31, 1897, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of selecting in nomination candidates for the following offices: Mayor, City Clerk, City Attorney and City Treasurer. To be voted for at the city election to be held on Tuesday, April 20, 1897, and to select a city central committee.

The ward representation in said convention will be one delegate for every twenty-five votes cast for D. H. Conklin for mayor in 1895, and one vote for each fraction of thirteen votes and over, and will be as follows:

1st Ward..... 12 Delegates.
2d Ward..... 11
3d Ward..... 12
4th Ward..... 12
5th Ward..... 9
6th Ward..... 13
7th Ward..... 7

Total..... 77 Delegates.

The polls at all ward primaries in the respective wards will be open at 8 o'clock a. m. Tuesday, March 30, 1897, and will close at 8 p. m. of said day, and all Republican voters are requested to attend said primaries in their respective wards, to be held on Tuesday, April 20, 1897, and to vote for their ward delegates, and by ballot express their choice of candidates for city offices, and any candidate receiving the greatest number of votes in any ward shall receive the votes of the delegates of such ward in the convention.

Immediately after said polls are closed, the voters will be selected to the city convention, and a central committee from each ward will be elected to serve for the next two years, and candidates for aldermen will be nominated by ballot in each ward. The primaries and ward conventions will be held in the respective wards at the following places:

1st Ward—at Street Car barn, E. North street.
2d Ward—at W. H. Starr's Wholesale House.
3d Ward—at Decker's Wagon Yard.
4th Ward—City Council Room, Court House.
5th Ward—at George Kraft's Bottling Works.
6th Ward—Koster's Store, corner Condit and Broadway.
7th Ward—at Hendricks' Shop.

W. F. CALHOUN, Secretary.

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Ask for Pillsbury's Best and Get It

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Get the idea that Diamond Jewelry is bought for temporary use. It is bought by thoughtful people as permanent and serviceable ornament. Good and substantial workmanship in the manufacture of High Grade Diamond Jewelry is important. Any manufacturer can make a diamond ring. If not made with the utmost care and skill, both metal and gems are often wasted, and the stones may easily be lost through bad workmanship and careless setting.

The Most Carefully
Manufactured Goods

of the highest grade of workmanship, finish, style and selection of stones

Are the Only Kind
We Can Afford to Keep.

Others may have lower prices on inferior goods.

We make a Profit on all
our goods, but make it Fairly.

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Jewelers and Dealers in Fine China.

Our House has been Established Over 20 Years at

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These Spring Shoes of Ours.

You'll see them on the pretty feet of pretty girls all about.

Besides Beauty, they have Style, Durability and Economy to recommend them.

The prices we have put on them put them within the reach of everyone.



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148 East Main St. Sign of the Brass Foot Tracks

B. F. BOBO, Manager.

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Cor. Main and Water Sts.

LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tallor, 117 North Water St.
Leonard assembly dance tonight at the Armory.

Irwin's Sarsaparilla is guaranteed to purify the blood.

Smoke the Little J., 6-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

The Dunham Relief Corps will meet tomorrow at 2:30 p. m.

Habitual constipation can be cured by taking Irwin's Cascara tablets.

Smoke the famous Leds, a fine 10-cent cigar, made by John Weigand. 25c 25 ct.

Be kind to the chickens and give them Irwin's poultry powder.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-24

Sparrow's fine chocolate for sale at the Opera House Drug store.

The best blood purifier is Ray's Sarsaparilla—at West's drug store. 10c.—23-24

Seed sweet potatoes, wholesale and retail, 233 North Main street. Durfee & Culp.

Ask your druggist for the German Catarrh Cure, a positive cure for catarrh, asthma, cough, colds and headache. mar 16 dtf

Golden Rod Lotion for chapped hands gives satisfaction. For sale at Opera House Drug store.

J. M. Hughes & Co. at Durfee & Bros.' old stand have a choice stock of fresh garden and flower seeds. Give them a call. feb 23-d&wtf

The Rev. Marlon Stevenson will preach at the Edward street chapel on Friday evening next. Everybody is cordially invited to be present.

Webb C. Foster at 1076 North Water street has on hand the best cuts of beef, veal, pork and mutton, etc., and a fresh and full line of all goods in his line.

The Intermediate Christian Endeavor society of the First M. E. church will give a social at the home of Rev. D. F. Howe on Friday, April 9, instead of Tuesday, April 6, the date first announced.

There will be no meeting of the city council this evening although there has not been one for two weeks. There are five Mondays in this month and the meetings are held the first and third Mondays of each month.

Clark and Schroll have opened a real estate, land and insurance office in Room 23, Arcade building. All kinds of insurance written. Loans made, money solicited to place upon good city and farm property.—27-dtf.

On Tuesday night of this week the singing class at Elwin will give an entertainment consisting of a varied program of both instrumental and vocal music and other attractions. They expect a good crowd to hear them.

It is seldom you can find three pairs of shoes for the price of one, but such is the offer at Powers'. Sample sale now going on. 50c, 75c, 89c, buys a \$2.00 to \$3.50 Oxford; sizes 1 to 4½. 26-df

Call at the city ticket office of I. C. and P. D. & E. railways, 131 East William street and get a handsome souvenir of the Tennessee centennial and international exposition to be held at Nashville May 1 to November 1. We will have low rate for this occasion. T. Penwell, G. T. A.

A torpid liver means a bad complexion, bad breath, indigestion and frequent headaches. To avoid such companions take DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

On Sabbath night a full house greeted the young ladies' F. M. Soc. at the M. E. church in Elwin. They gave an interesting program and a good thank offering. This society has been doing a splendid work for several years in the education of a young lady in India for the missionary work.

A weed in the garden can be easily destroyed when it first starts. Consumption can be nipped in the bud by One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krone.

Measles and diphtheria are nearly epidemic in Mt. Zion township. In the family of Marion Ward there has been one death from diphtheria and three other children are down with the same disease in the same family. A son of C. M. Fletcher has the measles and there are other cases in the township.

POWERS' SALE

of Black and Tan Oxfords and Slippers will continue at 50c, 75c and 89c until every pair is sold. Ladies' Overgaiters 10c a pair. 24-df

Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden seeds, at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s.—jan 26-d&wtf

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A BURGLAR SCARE.

Robbers Supposed to Have Been in the Gushard Store.

THE POLICE MAKE A CLOSE SEARCH.

Mr. Gushard Made the Discovery Sunday Night—Heard a Man Running on the Second Floor.

Sunday night shortly after 8 o'clock William Gushard went to his dry goods and millinery store at 307 North Water street for the purpose of placing a jardiner where it would be needed today in making the millinery display. Mr. Gushard entered the store through the front door. He placed the jardiner on the counter near the front and then walked to the rear of the room to light the gas. When near the stairway leading to the second floor on his return to the rear after lighting the gas Mr. Gushard was considerably startled to hear footsteps on the second floor. They were heavy quick steps made by a man as if in full flight and in fear of capture. Mr. Gushard was sure that the store was being robbed and he quickly placed the jardiner upon some wrapping paper and made a quick rush for the door. He locked the door and then told some men to watch the store while he called the police. He hurried away after the officers and the patrol wagon, certain that it would be a comparatively easy matter to capture the burglar or burglars.

The store was guarded front and back and the officers entered with drawn revolvers resolved to capture the inmates if it was necessary to shed blood. All of the officers with Mr. Gushard went up the stairway together, fully expecting to make a great and sensational arrest, but the intruders had fled. A thorough search was made on the four floors of the store, but no trace of a burglar could be found. There was a ladder connected with the roof at the head of the stairway but the opening was closed. It was supposed that entrance had been effected from the roof. All the doors and windows on all the floors were securely fastened. The police made a search of the roof but were unable to unravel the mystery. A thief could have reached the roof by the fire escape or by coming out from some other store.

In addition to hearing footsteps Mr. Gushard heard the rustle of a lot of tissue paper which was on the second floor near the stairway. The man had stepped on the paper in his flight. Mr. Gushard has not missed anything of value but he knows beyond doubt that there were robbers in the store.

Some years ago Mr. Gushard was in business at Perry, Kansas. Robbers visited him twice at Perry. The first time four men got away with \$175 worth of goods. The thieves were caught and each got five years in the penitentiary. All of the goods were recovered. The second time the robbers were frightened away before they could select what they were after.

Mr. Gushard admits that he was badly scared when he heard the man running. He didn't know but that there was a gang of robbers throughout the store and he was anxious to get away. He was unarmed and had no means of defending himself.

Move to Forestall Importations.
Washington, March 29.—The sub-committee of the ways and means committee after consulting legal authorities as to the constitutionality has about decided to prepare an amendment to the tariff bill making the schedules when adopted effective from April 2. The object is to prevent the immense importations in anticipation of the increased tariff.

Edward Street Church.
The services held Sunday morning and evening at the Edward street Christian church were largely attended. The pastor, Rev. Marlon Stevenson, preached at both times. In the evening there was one baptism. Rev. B. B. Tyler of New York City, will be in this city and will preach at the church on Tuesday and Wednesday evening.

Sales of Real Estate.
Elizabeth M. Rapp to Thomas E. Grubb, strip of land 40 feet in width off north side lot 8, Brennenman's addition, \$2000.

Sheridan W. Ehrman to Judson H. Drobisch, lot 4, block 2, Riverside place, \$600.

Lost.
In Decatur on Saturday, March 27, a note in favor of John Scott for \$500, signed by W. H. Wallingford, with credit of \$100 on the back. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving the note at Mills Bros. law office.

The Water Supply.
Canons, March 29.—A mixed force of French, Italians, Russians and Turks have landed to protect the water supply of the city which the insurgents threatened to cut off.

POWERS' SALE
of Black and Tan Oxfords and Slippers will continue at 50c, 75c and 89c until every pair is sold. Ladies' Overgaiters 10c a pair. 24-df

Deaths.
Alexander McCann, aged 88 years, died this afternoon at 813 West Wood street.

PERSONAL MENTION.

No school this week. It is the spring vacation.

—W. S. Grubbs has gone to Kansas on business.

—L. L. Boblett has gone to New York City on business.

—Town Clerk Parrott of Niantic was in the city today.

—Mrs. N. E. Adams is recovering from an attack of illness.

—D. C. Davidson of Mt. Zion had business in Decatur today.

—Mr. and Mrs. Will Hellman are both confined to their home by illness.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Kinsman are home from Hot Springs, Arkansas.

—Dr. B. S. Anderson of Maroa was in the city visiting Attorney L. A. Buckingham.

—Karl Pollock is at Peru, Indiana visiting his uncles, his cousins and his aunts.

—Dean Alexander is ill of the measles at the family residence, No. 635 West Wood street.

—Miss Frances Grimes will be home from New York next month to visit her mother, Dr. Ellen F. Grimes.

—William Monte, who has been ill at his home on North Clinton street, is convalescent and will resume work this week.

—Mrs. S. E. Prather of Springfield arrived in the city today noon to visit her brother, John D. Henkle, who is seriously ill.

—S. Wilbur Corman of the Linn & Scruggs company establishment has gone to Terre Haute, Indiana, where he will remain for several days on business.

—Miss Nellie C. Danely who has been spending her vacation with her parents in Riverside place will return to school at Evanston on Wednesday of this week.

—Heston I. Baldwin who is at the sanitarium at Battle Creek, Michigan, is improving in health steadily. Mrs. Baldwin who has been with her husband has returned home.

—Mike McDonald, formerly of this city, who is now advance agent for the Frederick Ward company, left this morning for Chicago after a few days business visit in the city.

MARRIED ON SUNDAY.

It Was a Runaway Match—Wedded at the Court House.

On Sunday at 1 o'clock Charles Windle, a Protestant of Springfield, aged 20 years, and Miss Anna C. Sullivan, a Catholic, also of Springfield, aged 23 years, were united in marriage at the court house by Judge Hammer. The couple desired to get married on Saturday, but there was delay in getting the license as Charles was only 20 years of age. The written consent of his father was obtained and then the license was issued.

The parents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan of 1233 East Adams street Springfield. Mrs. Sullivan burst into tears Sunday afternoon when she learned that her daughter had married Windle. The State Journal of today says: "Mrs. Sullivan had not suspected that her daughter contemplated being married, and supposed she was at the place where she has been employed. She said Anna had been at home on Thursday. The young lady told her mother she wanted some lace to use on her best dress as she would have to work on Sunday. She also told her mother that she would have to keep her wages as she desired to pay some small debts. Mrs. Sullivan consented and the girl left."

Mrs. Sullivan said her daughter was 23 years old, so she had no voice in the matter. If she had been asked for her consent, however, she would not have given it, for she did not want the girl to marry outside the church. "Another of my daughters married outside the church," said Mrs. Sullivan, "and I had hoped that it would not happen again."

"Mrs. Sullivan declared that Windle is unsuited for her daughter's husband because he is commanding small wages. She said the young man was her daughter's junior by several years, and this too, was an objection to the wedding."

R. J. Waggy for Alderman.
The friends of R. J. Waggy have brought him out as a candidate for alderman in the first ward and he will make the race, subject to the action of the Republican ward primary. Mr. Waggy is the well known contractor who is an active young man in the Republican ranks. He is a hustler in business affairs and he would be a hustler in the city council for his constituents and for the interests of all the people of the city.

Church Meeting.
The ladies of Grace Methodist church will hold a meeting tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the church to perfect arrangements for a sale and dinner which they will give on Easter evening, April 17.

Marriage Licenses.
William T. Moffett, Blue Mound, 30. Flora M. VanCleve, Blue Mound, 24. Charles A. Windle, Springfield, 20. Annie C. Sullivan, Springfield, 21.

Seed Distribution.
New seed store, complete stock, fresh garden, field and flower seeds. Leon & Morris, 138 East Wood street.—9-d&wtf

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Alexander McCann, aged 88 years, died this afternoon at 813 West Wood street.

CATHOLIC MISSION

Began at St. Patrick's Church Sunday Morning.

NOTED PRIESTS ARE HERE.

Father Finnegan, of Chicago, and Father Sherman Arrived Today to Take Charge.

The mission at St. Patrick's church in this city opened Sunday morning and will continue for the next two weeks. Very Rev. Father Finnegan of Chicago and Very Rev. Father Sherman of St. Joseph, Mo., officiated yesterday and today Very Rev. Father Sherman arrived and will take charge. The members of the church have looked forward to the time when the mission would begin with great interest as the priests whom they will have the privilege of hearing are among the noted of the Catholic church.

Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock mass was celebrated by Father Finnegan who also delivered a sermon. At 8 o'clock the rector of the church, Very Rev. Father J. Macken, celebrated mass. The mission opened at 10:30 o'clock. This service was largely attended. Rev. Father Brady celebrated solemn high mass and a sermon was delivered by Father Finnegan. He spoke of the mission, told what it was for, what the people of the church should do and urged that not only the church members but others outside attend the services.

The sermon was probably the first that was ever delivered in the church. Although the priest spoke for an hour and a half he at all times held the attention of the congregation. Father Finnegan is recognized as one of the most eloquent orators in the Catholic church and is a man of great reputation. He was especially educated for the mission work which he is engaged in. He is a large man of striking appearance, his delivery is excellent and his gestures are graceful. At 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon children's mission was held. Services at the hour will be held for the children on Wednesdays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

This morning mass was celebrated at 8:30 o'clock by Father Finnegan and at 8:30 o'clock by Father Finnegan. The children's exercises take place at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and tonight at 8 o'clock there will be a sermon.

Rev. Father Sherman who arrived in the city today and will probably preach at the service this evening is one of the most distinguished of the Jesuit priests. He is a very learned man, and is also a fine orator. He is a son of the great war general, William T. Sherman and a nephew of John Sherman the present secretary of state. Father Sherman studied in Rome, Paris and the Holy Isles where the Jesuits have their chief school.

It was deemed best in anticipation of the large number of people who will want to attend the mission to hold separate services for the men and women and such a division more persons could be accommodated. The evening services this week will be for women and next week for the men. The normal services will be for both men and women. The services are open to anyone who wishes to attend and are not confined to members of the church.

Gen Gordon's Arrival.
General John B. Gordon arrived in the city today on the Wabash from St. Louis. He was met at the depot by Senator M. L. Kanan, Captain George S. Durfee and C. C. Luke, who accompanied him to the Nicholas. The general will rest until 1 o'clock after which hour he will receive those who desire to call on him. He is hale and hearty, the years bearing lightly upon him. He is in fine condition for the lecture tonight.

The Circuit Court.
The hearing of further evidence in the Mrs. Leforge case was resumed this afternoon.

It is expected that a final decree of partition or distribution in the David Waser estate will be made by Judge Vail this week.

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Take Contra-Cold Tablets, guaranteed or money refunded by all druggists, 25c.



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The Ohio Democrat and Protectionist Dies—Explosion in a Chicago Tunnel.

TWO MEN KILLED, FOUR WOUNDED.

Important Arrests in Montana—A Millionaire Commits Suicide—Horrible Death of Farmer's Wife in Ohio.

Columbus, O., March 30.—Ex-Congressman George L. Converse died this morning aged 70, after an illness of seven months. He was a protection Democrat.

Explosion in a Chicago Tunnel.
Chicago, March 30.—By an explosion at a point 200 feet under the lake where an excavation is in progress for the new water supply tunnel today Owen O'Malley and Peter Gallagher were killed. Four other workmen were seriously injured.

Legislative Officers Indicted.

Helen, Mont., March 30.—Secretary of the Senate John Bloor was indicted today charged with falsifying public records by losing a bill the night the legislative session expired. Martin Buckley, ex-representative, was also indicted for accepting bribes.

Millionaire Commits Suicide.
Geneva, March 30.—Charles F. Haughton principal owner of the Corning company, worth half a million shot and killed himself this morning.

An Ohio Woman Murdered.
Columbus, O., March 30.—The nude body of Mrs. John W. Miller, a farmer's wife at Blacklick, was found today. She was outraged and murdered yesterday by a tramp employee in the absence of her husband. The tramp escaped.

LANDING OF EXPEDITIONS.

Only Son of Jose Marti a Member of One of the Successful Ones.

Key West, Fla., March 30.—Rolloff, minister of war of the Cuban provisional government, landed safely an expedition at the port of Banes, Santiago de Cuba, at the right of a Spanish fort. He placed the steamer with a cannon pointing at the fort and sent word to the garrison saying that if they made the least movement in ten minutes he would not leave one of them alive, and not a move was made. He was received by Colonel Martin of the Cuban forces, Mariano Torres, being quite near to Calixto Garcia, only a mile distant, and on his way to meet them.

This expedition consisted of fifty-three men, 3000 rifles, 2,000,000 cartridges, food, stores and medicine, there being with it a boy 17 years old, the only son of Jose Marti. Another expedition under command of Rafael de Armas, colonel of the last revolution, landed at Mariel, Pinar del Rio, with 600 rifles and 500 rounds of ammunition.

The latest advices of General Maximo Gomez station him with Carillo and other Cuban generals in the jurisdiction of Sancti Spiritus, with about 20,000 men. A few nights ago 900 Cubans who were crossing the trocha of Juarez and Moron were fired at from two Spanish forts. The insurgents determined to attack the forts. They located a dynamite bomb near the walls of one of the forts, completely destroying it and killing all the garrison, composed of twenty-three men. The twenty-five men of the other fort defended it bravely for nearly an hour, having then to surrender with eight killed and thirteen wounded.

COMMISSIONER TO CUBA.

President Sends a Personal Representative to Watch the Ruiz Case.

Washington, March 30.—Judge William R. Day of Canton, Ohio, has been selected by the president as a special commissioner to Cuba. The president and secretary of state, Sherman, have had this matter under consideration for several days.

The specific object of the special commissioner's visit to Cuba will be to participate as the representative of the president in the investigation to be made by the Spanish authorities in the alleged murder of Dr. Ruiz. Consul General Lee has absolutely refused to join in this investigation on the ground that he does not believe the Spanish government will conduct a fair inquiry and that the decision of the commission will be a whitewashing of all concerned in Dr. Ruiz's death.

The president intends that the investigation shall be fair and complete and if not that there shall be some one there who will report the fact to him, and upon this report will be based whatever action this government may subsequently take. Judge Day is a close personal friend